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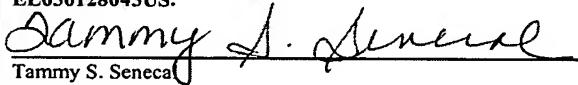
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**Title:** A PROTECTION SWITCH IN A TWO-FIBER OPTICAL CHANNEL SHARED PROTECTION RING

### 1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/799,374                          Group Art Unit: 2633  
Filed: March 5, 2001                                  Examiner: Ming Li

**Title:** A PROTECTION SWITCH IN A TWO-FIBER OPTICAL CHANNEL SHARED PROTECTION RING

Inventors: Ming Li; Mark Soulliere; Richard Wagner

### 2. Papers Enclosed

#### A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 13 Page(s) of Specification
- 9 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 11 Sheet of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-10)

#### B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application.

3. [] Amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the first line the sentence:

**--Cross Reference to Related Application**

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/799,374, filed March 5, 2001, now allowed, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**4. Relate Back**

**A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

[] Priority of provisional application Serial No. 60/187,656 filed March 7, 2000, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

**B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)**

[] Priority of said prior application 09/799,374, filed March 5, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

**C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application**

[] Priority of foreign application(s) No. , filed in is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
[] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. on .  
[] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

**5. Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)**

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Daniel P. Malley, Reg. No. 43,443:

[] A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
[] Address all future communications to:

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**6. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

**7. Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to Corning Incorporated, at Reel 011915, Frame(s) 0249.

**8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:**

A. Filing Fee	
[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] Original Patent Application (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)--\$740.00; Small Entity--\$355.00)	\$ <u>740.00</u>
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[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)--\$84.00; small entity--\$42.00)	\$ <u>80.00</u>
[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] each claim in excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00)	\$ <u>270.00</u>
[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] multiple dependent claim(s) (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)--\$270.00; small entity--\$135.00)	\$ <u>.00</u>
<b>Total Fees Due \$ 1,060.00</b>	

**9. Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment**

- [] A check in the amount of \$1,060.00 is enclosed.
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
  - [] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - [] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF  
CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

- continuation
- continued prosecution application
- divisional

application for this case

- concurrently herewith.
- on \_\_\_\_\_.

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